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Applicants:	Mark R. POTTER et al.	§	Confirmation No.:	6486
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Serial No.:	09/915,082	§	Group Art Unit:	2116
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Filed:	07/25/2001	§	Examiner:	Thuan N. Du
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For:	Automated Power	§	Docket No.:	200302054-1
	Management System For	§		
	A Network Of Computers	§		

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Date: August 31, 2005

Sir:

In response to the final Office action of July 7, 2005, please enter this Preliminary Amendment and corresponding Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.